

2015 No. 2080 (W. 316)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A55 Trunk Road (Pen-y-clip
Tunnel, Conwy County Borough)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions &
Restriction) Order 2015**

Made 29 December 2015

Coming into force 5 January 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Chester – Bangor Trunk Road (A55) (“the trunk road”) are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be restricted and/or prohibited because of works proposed on or near the road.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 14(1), (4) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 5 January 2016 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Pen-y-clip Tunnel, Conwy County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restriction) Order 2015.

2. (1) In this Order:

“edge of the carriageway markings” (“*marciau ymyl y gerbyttfordd*”) means the markings shown at Diagram numbers 1002.1 and 1009 in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(3);

“exempted vehicle” (“*cerbyd esempt*”) means:

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order; and

(b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes and are being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of the member of the armed forces of the Crown, who is a member of the special forces—

- (i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving at high speeds; or
- (ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds;

“special forces” (*“lluoedd arbennig”*) means those units of the armed forces the maintenance of whose capabilities is the responsibility of the Director of Special Forces or which are for the time being subject to the operational command of that Director.

“the lengths of the trunk road” (*“y darnau o’r gefnffordd”*) means the lengths of the trunk road at Pen-y-clip in the County Borough of Conwy specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 19:00 hours on 5 January 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article or Schedule is a reference to the article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

Prohibitions and Restriction

3. Subject to the provisions of article 16, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven in either the eastbound or westbound carriageways of the length of trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4. (1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 16, not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards;
- (b) proceed in any direction other than eastwards through the gaps in the central reservation of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

(2) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway but, pursuant to article 16, not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall drive so as to cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards;
- (b) use or permit the use of a vehicle in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle in the eastbound carriageway of the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2;
- (c) proceed in any direction other than westwards through the gaps in the central reservation of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 5.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 16, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 3 and 4.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 16, no person shall, during the works periods, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 16, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 3.2 metres to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 6.

8. Subject to the provisions of article 16, no person shall, during the works period, ride or cause any pedal cycle to be ridden in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 7.

9. Subject to the provisions of article 16, no pedestrian shall, during the works period, proceed in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 8.

Suspensions

10. The provisions of The Trunk Road (A55) (Pen-y-clip Section, Gwynedd) (One Way Traffic) Order 1994(4) are hereby suspended insofar as they relate to the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of trunk road specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the westbound carriageway is closed in accordance with article 3.

11. The provisions of the A55 Trunk Road (Pen-y-clip Section, Gwynedd) (De-restriction) Order 1994(5) are

hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

12. The provisions of the A55 Trunk Road (Penmaenmawr – Conwy Morfa, Conwy) (De-restriction) Order 2004(6) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

13. The provisions of the Trunk Road (A55) (Llanfairfechan, Gwynedd) (De-restriction) Order 1989(7) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

14. The provisions of the Trunk Road (A55) (Penmaenmawr, Gwynedd) (De-restriction) Order 1989(8) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

15. The provisions of the A55 Trunk Road (Abergwyngregyn, Gwynedd) (De-restriction) Order 1994(9) are hereby suspended in respect of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in operation.

Application

16. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibitions and restriction referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

17. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 12 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

29 December 2015

Richard Morgan
Head of Asset Management and Standards
Welsh Government

- (1) 1984 c.27; Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.
- (2) By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.
- (3) S.I. 2002/3113
- (4) S.I. 1994/192
- (5) S.I. 1994/790
- (6) S.I. 2004/2876 (W.247)
- (7) S.I. 1989/2158
- (8) S.I. 1989/1958
- (9) S.I. 1994/3087

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 Contraflow

The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 97 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to a point 208 metres east of the centre-point of the Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge.

SCHEDULE 2 No overtaking

The length of the eastbound headland carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 97 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to a point 208 metres east of the centre-point of the Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge.

SCHEDULE 3 Closure of Penmaenmawr West Junction & Junction 15a Eastbound Exit Slip Road

The length of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the county road known as Ffordd Bangor to the edge of the carriageway markings on the southern side of the main westbound carriageway of the trunk road.

The entire length of the eastbound exit slip road of the trunk road at Junction 15a.

SCHEDULE 4 Prohibition of vehicles and 40 mph speed limit

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of the eastbound off slip splitter island at Junction 13 (Abergwyngregyn village) to a point 100 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout), including the eastbound on slip road at Junction 14 (Madryn Interchange), the eastbound off slip road at Junction 15a and the central reserve gaps in Schedule 5.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 100 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 16 (Puffin Roundabout), including the westbound on-slip at this junction, to the centre-point of the over-bridge at Junction 14 (Madryn Interchange), including the central reserve gaps in Schedule 5.

SCHEDULE 5
Limits of the central reserve gaps

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 78 metres east of the centre-point of the Red Gables Viaduct over-bridge and a point 208 metres east of the said over-bridge.

The gap in the central reservation situated between a point 97 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to a point 226 metres east of the said roundabout.

SCHEDULE 6
Vehicle width restriction

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 25 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout) to the end of the nose where the eastbound on slip road merges with the main A55 carriageway at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange).

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the start of the nose where the westbound off slip road diverges from the main A55 carriageway at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) to a point 25 metres east of the centre-point of Junction 15 (Llanfairfechan Roundabout), including the westbound on slip roads at Junction 18 and Junction 17.

SCHEDULE 7
Prohibition of cyclists

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nose of the splitter island for Junction 14, eastbound around Pen-y-clip Headland to the signed pedestrian crossing point adjacent to the eastern portal of Pen-y-clip Tunnel, including the length of the footway that extends from the centre-point of the pedestrian over-bridge to the east of Junction 15, eastbound to the signed pedestrian crossing point adjacent to the eastern portal of Pen-y-clip Tunnel.

SCHEDULE 8
Prohibition of pedestrians

The length of the footway that extends from the centre-point of the pedestrian over-bridge to the east of Junction 15, eastbound to the signed pedestrian crossing point adjacent to the eastern portal of Pen-y-clip Tunnel.